

**Name of the Library:** Los Angeles Public Library

**Address of Central Library:** 630 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Los Angeles, California 90071

**Management:** Fontayne Holmes became City Librarian in August 2004. Ms. Holmes career with the Los Angeles Public Library spans 30 years and includes positions as Assistant City Librarian, Director of Branches, Central Library Director and Director of Library facilities.

<b>Number of Branch Libraries</b>	71 Branch Libraries
<b>Books and Materials Expenditures per capita:</b>	\$ 2.62
<b>Public Computers per 1,000 population:</b>	0.5
<b>Staff per 1,000 population:</b>	Ratio is 1 to 3,381
<b>Maintenance budget per square foot:</b>	\$ 1.80
<b>Circulation per capita:</b>	4 items per year per person
<b>Population Served:</b>	4 million
<b>Public Computer Workstations:</b>	2,000
<b>Volumes in collection:</b>	6,332,042
<b>Registered Borrowers:</b>	1,496,250
<b>Items Borrowed:</b>	15,924,197 per year
<b>Library Visitors:</b>	13,504,778 per year
<b>Annual Budget:</b>	\$ 110,000,000



**Facilities:** The Central Library was renovated and expanded from 260,000 square feet to 540,000 square feet and re-opened in 1993. Two bond issues (1989 and 1998) funded the renovation and expansion, replacement of branches and added nine new libraries to change 90% of the library system infrastructure within a 15 year period.

**Architecture:** In the 1920's Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue was commissioned to design what today is considered the Main Building of the Los Angeles Central Library. The Central Library was restored and the Tom Bradley wing was added. The Tom Bradley wing has an eight-story atrium. The Restoration and Expansion Project, with Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer as architects, was completed at a cost of more than 200 million dollars. Rededicated in 1993, the multi-level Central Library is one of the largest library facilities in the country and serves the largest population in the nation.

**Technology:** The Los Angeles Public Library offers email notification for holds, PC reservation system at all branches, free public wireless access at the Central Library and 10 branches, ZoomText for the sight impaired at selected locations, an enriched catalog with author notes, annotations and book jacket art. Online reference service. Online photo collection and 150 subscription database.

**Programming:** Los Angeles Public Libraries offer three different Literacy programs. The *Adult Literacy* program allows students to work one on one with an adult tutor to improve reading and literacy skills. The *Limited English Proficiency* program is a self-guided program for adults with limited English skills. Students use books, videos or electronic teaching tools. *Families for Literacy* offers free books to the children of parents who are enrolled in the Adult Literacy or the Limited English Proficiency program. The Central Library houses the Los Angeles Times Literacy Center.

**Governance:** The Board of Library Commissioners is appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The Board is responsible for policy matters and overall management of the Library Department. The City Librarian is responsible for day-to-day operations and the direct supervision of the department's employees. Budgetary actions by the Board are subject to the approval of the Mayor. Policy actions by the Board are subject to review by the City Council.

**Fundraising:** In 1992, the Los Angeles Foundation was established to raise funds for the Los Angeles Public libraries.

**Volunteers:** The Los Angeles Public Library has an active Friends group. Over 2,500 volunteers give an average of 21,000 hours of service per quarter.